

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-13 are pending in the above application. By the above amendment, claim 7 has been cancelled without prejudice to simplify issues for appeal. In addition, claim 4, which was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, has been rewritten to include the limitations of claims 1, 2 and 3.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

A telephone interview was conducted on June 6, 2007, between Examiner King Poon and Applicant's representative, Scott Wakeman. During the interview, the May 10, 2007, Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner was discussed. To address the issues raised in that Order, it was agreed that Applicant's representative would file an amendment cancelling claim 7 and submit a replacement Appeal Brief in which claim 7 was identified as "cancelled." It was also agreed that Applicant would rewrite claim 4 in independent form to reduce the issues for appeal. The examiner agreed to enter these amendments when received.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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